

# ... Let's Go

By LARRY MACARAY

Every traveler to Japan is deeply impressed with the breathtaking beauty of the mountains, lakes, valleys, and the countryside. It is a landscape painter's paradise. And so it was over one hundred years ago when Hokusai and Hiroshige were heralded as the two greatest landscape artists that Japan has ever produced.

The medium that Hiroshige worked in was the woodblock print. In the Japan of his day (1797-1858) the print was an ideal way of producing cheap pictures. They were known as ukiyo-e, pictures of the floating world, because they depicted the passing scene, the ephemeral world of pleasure.

In many ways, Hiroshige's wood-block prints of early 19th-Century Japan compare with the mid-19th Century lithographs printed by Currier and Ives here in the United States. They were both made for the average man, at a very low price. Today, collectors are constantly searching for originals by Hiroshige as well as Currier

## Halloween Party Set By 4-H'ers

By CHERYL CRAMER  
The Mustang 4-H Club will hold its annual Halloween Party Saturday from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Kelly, 603 W. 214th St., Carson.

The agenda will include a spook house, a scavenger hunt, a costume contest, and games. Before the festivities start, members will get acquainted over a pot luck dinner. The party is for members and families.

The Mustang 4-H Club is open to boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 19, who live in Gardena, Torrance, Carson, Compton, and the surrounding areas.

Monthly meetings are held at the Spanish American Institute, 15840 S. Figueroa St. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. and is held on the first Tuesday of every month.

## Swap Meet Will Aid ECC Choir

In an attempt to raise money to send the El Camino College chorale to the National Convention of the American Association of Junior Colleges in Atlanta, Ga., the ECC music department is currently selling candy in their drive for the funds.

According to Mureau Gilmour, business manager of the chorale, the members of the class are also collecting returnable bottles and Blue Chip stamps and holding a swap meet at the Radium Drive-In Theater in Gardena in order to raise funds to make the spring trip.

The swap meet is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at the Radium Theater in Gardena.

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THE TOKAIDO — Japan's most famous highway was built in 1603. It joined Kyoto, residence of the Emperor, and Edo (today's Tokyo), seat of the executive government of the shoguns. Along this highway were fifty three stations where the weary traveler could spend the night at the local inns. Hiroshige traveled this road many times and made hundreds of drawings.

One of his most famous series of blockprints was the "Fifty Three Stations of the Tokaido." He captured the spirit of the busy Tokaido as no one else has done. He showed porters warming their backsides at a fire, hotel-girls trying to get travelers to stop at their inn, but always, overshadowing the human interest in the foreground, there is the magnificent scenery.

No man's life is entirely praiseworthy and no artist's works are all masterpieces. It is enough that an artist leaves to history one great work. Hiroshige did much better—he left hundreds of masterpieces—a completely new style of seeing landscapes—and an influence that still persists today.

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## Attorney General Rules 'Spitfire' Gun Illegal

Capitol News Service  
SACRAMENTO — State Attorney General Thomas C. Lynch Monday ruled that a .45-caliber carbine, known as the "Spitfire" and in the hands of many Californians, is a machine gun and cannot be legally possessed.

Lynch made the announcement in a letter to district attorneys, police chiefs and sheriffs throughout the state. Only those persons with a machine gun permit, rarely issued by the chief of the California Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, may have the gun in their possession.

The weapon is manufactured by the Spitfire Manufacturing Co. of Phoenix, Ariz., and is distributed by International Weapons, also of Phoenix.

According to a CII report, the weapon can be manipulated manually to fire fully automatically. A machine gun, in California, is defined as "any weapon which shoots... automatically, more than one shot without manually reloading, by a single function of the trigger."

Criminals already have used the weapon in a shootout with Southgate police. Owners of the Spitfires must dispose of their weapons if they cannot qualify for permits to possess machine guns.

The U.S. Treasury Department, also recently ruled the weapon was a machine gun and required their registration.

## Mickey Mouse to Appear At Fashion Square Party

Friday, Nov. 1, Mickey Mouse will appear in person, along with Pluto and Goofy, at 7:30 p.m. in Bullock's Del Amo to attend a Surprise Party in his honor.

A musical trio, balloons, a prize drawing and hostesses wearing Mouseketeer hats will add to the festivities of the party in the La Casita Building in the Mall. Prize coupons are available in the Toy Department of the store.

The prize will be a family visit and VIP tour of Disneyland. This will be a whole day of fun, rides and sight-seeing with the Very Important Person treatment. The coupons deposited by the children will also make them eligible for the national prizes of four-day all-expense family trip to Disneyland, plus hundreds of other fascinating prizes.

Mickey's appearance in person is exclusive with the Bullock's Stores and Bullock's Fashion Squares in Southern California.

## Northrop Gets Space Contract

Northrop Corp. has announced receipt of a \$2,752,209 contract to build a satellite communications station in Lebanon.

The station will be installed by Northrop through its Washington subsidiary, Page Communications Engineers, Inc., under a contract with the Republic of Lebanon Ministry of Post, Telegraph and Telephone.

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